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- A. Distribution is handled by German authorities and shortage of coal is a result of improper distribution.
- Q. Why has the U.S.S.R. taken so much territory in the east and why does she demand at the same time that the Ruhr and the Saar remain with Germany?
- A. The Ruhr is vital for Germany; without it Germany cannot recover. The final eastern boundaries will be decided in later negotiations.
- Q. Why has the U.S.S.R. advanced her frontier so far westward?
- A. To protect her industry, especially in the Leningrad and Moscow areas. Nobody knows what the future may bring.
- Q. What power could drop bombs on Soviet territory?
- A. This is a naive question. The socialist eastern bloc is faced by an imperialist western bloc whose main representative is Churchill.
- Q. How long will Germany be occupied?
- A. Occupation could last 20 or 40 years; that depends on the Germans. The U.S.S.R. does not want to dismember Germany; she wants an economically sound, united Germany. Russia wants real friendship with Germany.
- Q. Why are all Germans removed from eastern areas, although the economy suffers from such a policy?
- A. To avoid the mistake made after 1918. To leave Germans in other states would only create a reason for a new war.
- Q. Why are not barracks and factory buildings used for housing of German resettlers?
- A. According to the Potsdam Agreement, military structures belong to the occupation powers. The German population can share living quarters with others. Four families are at present living in my four room apartment in Russia.

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